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LB 108, 130, 231, 259, 287, 336, 459  
496, 533, 668, 700, 718  
LR 84

PRESIDENT: Thank you. The Chair has a brief announcement to make for the record. While the Legislature is in session and capable of transacting business, I propose to sign and do sign LR 84. And the Clerk has matters for the record also.

CLERK: Mr. President, very quickly, I have two proposed rules changes offered by Senator Hoagland to be referred to the Rules Committee. Senator Higgins would like to print amendments to 668; Senator Vickers amendments to 459. (See pages 1542-47 of the Legislative Journal.)

Your Enrolling Clerk did present to the Governor bills read on Final Reading this morning. (Re: 108, 130, 259, 287, 336, 533, and 700. See page 1551 of the Legislative Journal.) And Business and Labor reports 718 to General File with committee amendments attached. That is offered by Senator Barrett. Senator DeCamp has amendments to 231, Mr. President. (See pages 1547-50 of the Legislative Journal.) That is all that I have.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Hoagland.

SENATOR HOAGLAND: Mr. President, colleagues, I will be brief. I would just like to underscore some of the comments made by other proponents of the bill. I urge you to oppose Senator Chambers' motion to delay the effective date of this bill for three and a half or four years for the best reason I can think of. Now I have taken the time to analyze some figures that have been presented to us by the Nebraska Department of Highway Safety and we can predict that if this bill goes into effect this year for 1986 instead of waiting until 1989, we will save approximately 50 lives in 1986, and we will save 3,695 personal injuries in 1986 if we enact this legislation now. Now Senator Chambers has talked about money and he has talked about lack of self-respect. He has given a lot of other reasons to delay the implementation date of this bill but the important point, ladies and gentlemen, is that lives are at stake. Four years ago when we passed the drunk driving laws there was a lot of similar opposition, a lot of the similar kind of gut reacting, philosophical outrage in imposing restrictions, and license suspensions, and jail terms on people. But when Fred Zwonechek, the Director of the Department of Highway Safety, appeared before the Judiciary Committee in February, he